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Dear Paul,

Today's Washington Post has a Maxine Cheshire column, gosspiy about Paul Newman drinking beer and what interests me, "here to lobby against the Concorde."

I am one of the early opponents of commercial supersonic planes, back when the Senate was first considering subsidy of the research. I tried without success to get to testify before Senator Mike Monroney's committee, based on my personal experiences with military supersonics - ruinous to livestock and shattering to my wife's nerves.

Monroney was paid off as the ~~xx~~ Senate military committee chairman is now being paid off: the Rome, N.Y. Air Force base was moved to Oklahoma and all those jobs with it. Devastating to Rome.

Opposite, with which I've not been able to keep up, now seems to be centered on range and harm to the atmosphere. On these I can~~t~~ do nothing. But on what the government does with studies and statistics I've already done work I believe not duplicated. Proof that they are faked, how they were faked, etc. Unless since the formation of public-interest groups like Nader's there has been change, nobody ever~~y~~ too the time to go over these or was capable of the analysis required.

I seem to remember have collected information on how people get gypped when there are claims for sonic boom damages, as there are with the Air Force. There can be accidental sonic booms and they can be emotionally serious hurtful. With reduced passenger sea travel there may be less of this.

~~X~~ If you know or can reach him please let him know that I'm willing to help if I can. What happened to us, non-fiction treated as fiction, could make a book that could make a movie if done lightly. I can't, having lived through it.

And, of course, if this could lead to his interest in my more recent work I'd be delighted.

I do have pictures, still and movie, of what happened to my chickens.

Hastily,